St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barrie
November 29th, 2026

Stewardship Sunday - First Sunday of Advent



We receive the light *We receive God's gifts*

We share what we've received

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We Prepare for Worship

Gathering Music – In the Fields with Their Flocks Abiding
by John Farmer

Welcome & Announcements Donna Mayes

Prelude – Waiting for the Promise (Choir) by Lloyd Larson

We Gather to Praise God

Call to Worship (sung)

Choir: (Sung)

I will enter His gates with thanks-giving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice, for He has made me glad.

Congregation's Response: (Sung)

He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

Lighting the Advent Candle Shane & Donna Mayes

Hymn – Make Me a Blessing

Verse 1

Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
making the sorrowing glad.
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Refrain

Make me a blessing,
Make me a blessing,
Out of my life,
May Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing,
O Savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing
to someone today.

Verse 2

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love;
Tell of His pow'r to forgive;
Others will trust Him if only you prove
true ev'ry moment you live.

Refrain

Verse 3

Give as 'twas given to you in your need;
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed;
Unto your mission be true.

Refrain

Prayers of Adoration and Confession Ruth Templeton

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen for God's Word

The Church as God's Family Mia Drummond

Scripture Readings Donna Mayes

Proverbs 11:23-30a

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

1 Peter 4:8-11

Choir – Lord, Let Me Serve by Tom Fettke

"Called to a Life of Gratitude, Generosity & Hope" Shane Mayes

We Respond to God's Word

Living Faith – A Statement of Christian Belief 2.4.1 to 2.4.2

Murray Atkinson

2.4.1 Though life is a gift from God,
human life depends upon the created world.
Our care for the world must reflect God's care.
We are not owners, but stewards of God's good earth.
Concerned with the well-being of all of life
we welcome the truths and insights
of all human skill and science
about the world and the universe.

2.4.2 Our stewardship calls us
to explore ways of love and justice
in respecting God's creation
and in seeking its responsible use
for the common good.

Hymn – Teach Us, God, to Treasure

Verse 1
Teach us, God, to treasure
all the gifts you give,
time and skill and spirit,
every breath we live.

Refrain
Guide us, Holy Spirit,
in the paths we take;
make us faithful stewards,
living for your sake.

Verse 2
Teach us, God, to open
hands that freely share,
giving without measure,
showing how we care.

Refrain

Verse 3
Teach us, God, to manage
earth with loving hand,
guarding all creation,
water, air, and land.

Refrain

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology – Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the pray'r of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.

Offering Prayer

We Go Out to Serve God

Hymn #644 – May the Mind of Christ my Saviour

1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
Jesus' love and power controlling
all I do or say.

2. May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through God's power.

3. May the peace of God my Sovereign
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

4. May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
Christ exalting, self denying,
this is victory.

5. May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

Benediction

Sung Blessing – Hymn #400 – Spirit of the Living God (v.2)

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind; make us one in love:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Postlude – Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming by Michael Praetorius

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Gratitude, Generosity and Hope

God, may we live with grateful hearts,
And give with joy and care;
For where God's love is freely shared,
Hope grows among us there.

Stewardship Team members participating in today's service:
Murray Atkinson, John Kenzie, Shane Mayes and Ruth Templeton